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Organization, not reorganization, is what democracy needs.

Every time Mr. Hanna hears the "chug-chug" of an automobile he dodges.

The people who foot the bills are not sending any delegations to Oyster Bay.

The Battle of Bereut—or Bayroot—will be fully as terrible as needful for campaign purposes.

Despite the difference in farewells the chances are that Miles will be remembered quite as long as Root.

When labor votes as it marches the most difficult part of the labor problem will have been solved.

It transpires that Consul Magelssen was not assassinated, and Turkey has expressed its regrets.

The indications are that Mr. Hanna will be compelled to withdraw from politics to a certain extent.

Mr. Cox falled miserably in his efforts to bring about the John R. McLeanification of Ohio democracy.

The asset currency scheme is projected solely with a view to continuing the overtaxation of the people.

Tom Johnson is a lucky man. The Chicago daily newspapers are, with one exception, fighting him.

The indications are that the 1:50 trotter is due long before the trust busting republican administration.

We can beat John Bull sailing yachts, and we are giving him a close race in the matter of imperialism.

A number of the g. o. r. spoilsmen are still of the opinion that Mr. Bristow is Bash-Bazouking on them.

Mr. Hanna says he is not worried, but it may have been noticed that he shys every time he smells gasoline.

The rumor that the president would soon bust a trust sounds very much like that report about the assassination of Magelssen.

But is General Miles quite sure we can devise a war automobile that will not be more dangerous to ourselves than to the enemy?

If Mr. Hanna is so cocksure of an easy victory in Ohio this fall of course he will omit the fat-frying expedition.

The president went after Turkey with a big stick, but it must be remembered that Turkey provides no votes and is beyond the reach of the fat-fryers. The trusts are differently situated.

Of course the land force won the victory at Portland. What else was to be expected when the summer girls were all ashore?

The indications are that President Roosevelt will have no difficulty whatever in forcing congress to do just what it wants to do.

All this Turkish trouble was stirred up by a mistake in a cipher. The country is troubled with too many ciphers in Washington just now.

The "Subscribers' Advertising Department" continues to bring gratifying results to all who avail themselves of the opportunity it affords.

Organize a democratic club in your voting precinct and be prepared to make a strenuous fight for the supremacy of democratic principles.

Perhaps the administration is so appalled at the task before it that it hesitates to tackle the job of unearthing all the frauds in the departments.

Mr. Carnegie says he wants the toiling masses to have more sweetness and light. If he really means it he might go to pumping oil and refining sugar.

Governor La Follette is pleading for good government, and as a result the g. o. p. bosses of Wisconsin are denouncing him as a "populist" and "demagogue."

The republican organs which had such rare sport with the populist "warehouse pawn shop" are not having the same kind of sport with the asset currency scheme.

KILL THE ASSET CURRENCY MEASURE! IT IS UNSAFE. WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE CURRENCY WHEN THE CASHIER ABSCONDS WITH THE ASSETS?

New York republicans who decry fusion in Nebraska are striving with might and main to secure fusion in New York city for the purpose of re-electing Mayor Low.

General Miles is quite correct in saying that the automobile would make a good war engine. If it proved as fatal in war as it has in peace it would be something fearful.

Of course the mere fact that it did not tell the truth concerning Mr. Bryan's campaign speeches in Ohio this fall will not trouble the conscience of the Chicago Chronicle.

Aguinaldo has issued an address to his people to stop gambling. This is likely to make him persona non grata with Perry Heath and other guessing contest gamblers.

It transpires that the Chinese editor who was beheaded had been writing poetry about Tsi An. Being an empress Tsi An does not, however, have to offer this fact in evidence.

Speaker-to-be Cannon has not said a word about "rubber currency" for over a week. The vulcanization of Mr. Cannon's currency views seems to be almost complete.

Has the New York World any assurance that it will not again have to open up a fight to prevent Wall street bond manipulators from controlling Mr. Cleveland's policy?

It having been learned that our counsel in Turkey was not assassinated we will send the warship anyhow. What's the use of having a big stick if you cannot flourish it?

So. Mr. Murphy, chief of Tammany, denies that he has pledged the support of that organization to Cleveland. Somehow the Cleveland boom can't keep its legs from wobbling.

KILL THE ALDRICH BILL. IT ARRAYS THE FINANCIERS AGAINST A REDUCTION OF TAXATION AND LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR AN ENORMOUS CORRUPTION FUND.

The Aldrich bill provides for keeping money in circulation by taking it from the national treasury and loaning it to banks at a low rate of interest so that they may loan it to the people at a high rate of interest. The bill is advocated by men who want some excuse for perpetuating excessive taxation.

The sporting editor's chair in Mr. Pulitzer's college of journalism need not remain unoccupied. All that is necessary is to decide whether the occupant shall be a fisherman or a hunter.

The administration will find it difficult to stir up enough ruction over the currency question to hide the fact that it has failed utterly to keep its promise concerning the shackling of the trusts.

The verdict in the Caleb Powers case is calculated to make Mr. Taylor rather chary on any vice presidential boom that holds out a promise of removing Mr. Durbin from his present position.

If the advocates of the Aldrich bill are honest why do they not keep the money in circulation by repealing unjust tariff laws that continue to pile up a needless surplus in the national treasury?

Naturally enough the men who are demanding the right to issue currency on their bank assets were the men who denounced the populist idea of loaning government money on land securities.

Senator Fairbanks says he would guard capital against demagogue labor leaders. This is perfectly proper, but the senator might spend a few of his spare moments in guarding labor from conscienceless capital.

Governor Taylor is horrified at the conviction of Caleb Powers. But this is not at all strange. It merely serves to show that Taylor is wise in sticking to Indiana's republican governor like cockleburrs to a cow's tail.

Perhaps the gentlemen who opposed the populist "warehouse" plan will explain why a bank is more entitled to the right of issuing currency on its assets than a farmer is to secure a loan from the government on his assets.

Britain's martial heroes are passing the blame for the prolongation of the Boer war from shoulder to shoulder. In the meantime the men who are really responsible are trying to rebuild the homes razed to the dust because of Britain's land greed.

Chicago's daily newspapers are almost a unit in opposition to Tom Johnson's candidacy. In view of the fact that the opposition of the Chicago dailies usually results in the triumph of the ones opposed Mr. Johnson is not likely to lose any sleep.

The New York Press is greatly worried by the discovery that a number of New York streets are named for men who were "tories" during the revolution. What the Press would do if it struck something worth worrying over is an unsolved problem.

A large number of men who call themselves democrats, but who have voted the republican ticket for eight years because of the money issue, would not hesitate to vote the republican ticket on some other grounds if the money question should be eliminated.

The asset currency scheme is to allow a bank to issue currency based on what it owes. It is advocated by men who objected strenuously to the populist idea of loaning government money to the farmers and taking for security the food-stuffs that the farmers own.

The David City (Neb.) Press has just celebrated its thirtieth anniversary, and during all these thirty years C. D. Casper has been its editor and manager. And for thirty years the Press has been an able, consistent and tireless champion of democracy. The Commoner wishes for the Press and its editor many more years of usefulness in the fight for the supremacy of Jeffersonian principles.

The g. o. p. idea is to tax the people in order to provide a surplus in the national treasury to lend to the financiers at a low rate of interest in order that they may loan it to the people at a high rate of interest in order that the people may secure money enough to pay the taxes that provides a surplus that may be loaned at low interest to the financiers who want to lend it to the people at a high rate of interest in order to provide the people with the money whereby they can pay the taxes that will provide a surplus that may be loaned to the financiers—and so on, ad lib. As an "endless chain" scheme this has the Cleveland bond sale beat a mile.